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3. Merchant and Naval Vessels

a. Naval Vessels In the inner naval basin 25X1
the presence of three destroyers and two small submarines. Manner of
berthing was side-by-side, the larger destroyer first, the two submarines,
second, and the two small destroyers outboard. 25X1
destroyers seemed to be somewhat old. The largest destroyer seemed large
enough to be a light cruiser.

b. Merchant ships

SEVASTAPOL, a Soviet tanker, which is described 25X1
as being somewhat larger than a C-2 type, and new.
the SEVASTAPOL was registered out of Odessa but
The SEVASTAPOL was discharging into
tanks on the Indian Quay.
ship BATORY, which departed the Polish passenger

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b. [] a steel fence encloses the entire berthing area. This fence is continuous on the American Quay [] Another fence runs parallel to that on the Indian Quay, [] Indian Quay fence is broken in several places. [] at none of these open places along this particular pier were there guards stationed. [] the fence continues around Basin #1 and along the Polish Quay where guards are stationed at the openings in the fence. [] Identification check point is located in the area [] At point [] is a guard house where customs agents search merchant seamen at random. [] adds to berth information that the road in the center of the pier [] is of cobblestone.

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5. Miscellaneous

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[] a new regulation that nothing larger than 20 zloty notes may be exchanged from dollars. The legal rate is 24 zlotys to the dollar(US) and the black market rate is 110 to 120 zlotys to the dollar(US). Usually, when US dollars are changed to zlotys on the black market, change is given in 100 to 500 zloty denominations. Larger denominations than 20 zlotys, consequently, are confiscated by Polish authorities as black market exchange.

b. Military Personnel Observed Ashore [] the presence of a military barracks at [] on the harbor side of the fence [] soldiers drilling in a parade area near here, and they were drilling without rifles. Their uniforms were olive green and their caps were rather high, soft hats, similar to the ones worn by German mountain troops in World War II, with red bands. []

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25-30 military trucks []

[] a great many naval officers at the Bristol Cafe.

[] apropos the Bristol Cafe, that tables must be reserved. It appeared that these Polish officers knew the bartenders at the cafe and seemed to frequent the place. There were girls at the cafe [] they were probably not dates of any particular officers because they shared their attention on them all. Some of the officers had two stripes, others had four stripes, but the bulk of them had 2½ stripes.

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d. [redacted] women were plentiful and cost some US\$3 in the honky-tonk area of town. This honky-tonk area [redacted] around the Morska Bar [redacted] General impression [redacted] was that the people of Gdynia were friendly and pro-American.

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a. The "large destroyer" was probably the usual BURZA (DD52) which has been mistaken for a CL [redacted], probably due to the mount arrangement.

b. SEVASTAPOL reported in paragraph 3 b is undoubtedly the SEVASTOPOL, a 7,176 gross ton Soviet tanker.

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c. Uniforms with two stripes were probably those of a PORUCZNIK(LT) and four, that of a KOMANDOR (CAPT), but two and a half stripes are not shown in NIS.

[redacted]

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d. The report of an air base confirms [redacted] information concerning its existence, but the location near a rail line would tend to indicate new construction of either an airbase or a railroad line, since the Gdynia-Stolp line is the only northerly track [redacted] and the indicated location of the known airfield was approximately five miles distant from the mapped position of the railway.

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